

## SOCIAL PERSONAL AND MUSICAL

Rev. E. Livingston Wells, rector of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal church, and Rev. John DePeu, pastor of the First Congregational church, were elected president and vice president respectively of General Silliman Branch, Sons American Revolution, at the meeting held last night at George W. Jackson, Rev. Mr. DePeu, C. B. Buckingham, Henry C. Burroughs and O. H. Brothwell were appointed a committee to arrange a reception to Morris B. Boardley, the recently elected president-general of the national society. H. C. Sherwood, W. A. Barnes, C. B. Buckingham, O. H. Brothwell and Henry J. Seeley were named to have charge of the banquet to the veterans of the G. A. R., in Masonic Hall, after the Memorial Day service, May 30. A resolution was adopted requesting the election of Louis B. Silliman, a former president, to be a member of the board of managers of the state society. Other officers elected were: Secretary, Frederick A. Doolittle; register, William A. Barnes; treasurer, George C. Peet; historian, Dr. N. E. Worthington; chaplain, Louis B. Silliman. The executive committee consists of the officers, Henry P. Stagg of Stratford and Charles P. Coe.

Mrs. Enoch P. Hincks gave a reception, yesterday afternoon, at her residence, 617 Washington avenue, to her daughter, Mrs. James C. Lindholm, which was a brilliant affair. Invitations to the number of 200 were sent out. The decorations were representative of the spring flowers. Among members of the family who assisted in receiving were Mrs. Henry W. Hincks, Mrs. Robert S. Hincks and Mrs. William T. Hincks. Mrs. Samuel Hawley, Mrs. George Nettleton of New Haven and Mrs. Henry Blodgett assisted in the dining room. Others who assisted were Mrs. Carroll B. Adams, Mrs. Marie Adams, Miss Florence Hincks of New York, Miss Carol Eaton of Beloit, Wis., and Miss Sarah Richards of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Allen, 475 William street, entertained a party of their friends at their daughter Esther Allen. During the evening her engagement to Howard Porter Bodurtha was announced. Those present were: Misses Esther, Hazel and Lydia Allen; Dorothy Short, Ruth Olmstead, Phoebe Burton, Florence Burgess, Grace Platt, Grace Wilson, Gertrude Jack, May Worrall, Louise Welter, Katherine Lubero, Adeline Welter, Mrs. W. Gray Quintance, Miss Hazel, Mrs. Hartley, Mrs. George H. Allen and Miss Hazel Richle of Meriden.

The Colonna club will give a pivot wheel in the club rooms Wednesday, May 19. Prizes have been contributed by George Fairchild & Son, R. T. Whiting and the Hawley Hardware Company.

Mrs. J. A. McGuinness, 438 Stratford avenue, entertained the Queen's Daughters, last evening.

Miss Charlotte Marsh, 800 Colorado avenue, celebrated her birthday anniversary by receiving her friends, last evening.

The Estelle Circle of King's Daughters will meet Monday at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. James Hargreaves, 705 Kosciusko street.

The play called "Breezy Point" was successfully presented to an interested audience, last evening, in the lecture room of the South Congregational Church by the following members of the Girls' Mission band of the church: Jennie Briel, Gertrude Burgess, Gertrude Booth, Sadie Gerlich, Mildred Whitney, Helen Plumley, Very Bray, Josephine Lyne, Bessie Welles, Maud Winslow, Gertrude Burnett, Louisa Gould, Bessie Warren.

A song social and drill was given by the Junior P. E. C. E. of the First Baptist church, last evening, under the direction of Mrs. George W. Nicholson. Those who took part were: Lillian Anderson, Helen Ziefeldt, Marion Brown, Lillian Slippery, Nellie Parker, Louise Brown. Assisting the young people in the entertainment were Mrs. F. Gertrude Burgess, Gertrude Booth, Louise Brown and Mrs. Arthur Randall in a duet, Mrs. W. J. Grippin, Mrs. W. MacKenzie, while the accompanists were Miss Bessie Earlow and Miss Edna Grippin.

Miss Helen McMahon, Broad street, entertained six of her friends at dinner Thursday evening. The guests were: Miss Eleanor Thomas, Miss Catherine Bray, Miss Emma Harrington, White Stella, Helen Frances, Emma Kelly and Miss Catherine McMahon.

A birthday party was held last evening at the home of P. C. E. of the East Main street in honor of their daughter Doris. The evening was spent in games and music. There was a well-known local musician as director. All students, ex-students, or alumni of B. H. S., who are players of wood-wind, brass or string instruments are requested to be present at a rehearsal to be held this evening at 27 William St. The call is issued by James W. Coughlin of the orchestra.

The Bridgeport High School Orchestra has resumed its weekly rehearsals. The orchestra has been very fortunate in securing the services of a well-known local musician as director. All students, ex-students, or alumni of B. H. S., who are players of wood-wind, brass or string instruments are requested to be present at a rehearsal to be held this evening at 27 William St. The call is issued by James W. Coughlin of the orchestra.

A very enjoyable surprise party was tendered on Miss Caroline Camp last evening. Among those present were the Misses F. Valentine, M. Munich, E. Carley, D. Valentine, S. Carley, F. Hurlbutt, M. Went, B. Fox, E. Standeven, H. Cogswell, R. Fox, M. Hallock, A. Hall, C. Camp, Mrs. H. Jewett, W. Reaney, T. Watmough, C. Hutchinson, H. Smith, W. Warner, E. Thomas, O. Winslow, C. Hamilton, F. Worthey, A. Christie. A very dainty luncheon was served followed by singing and dancing. The party broke up in the small wee hours of the morning.

"We will have to protect our own training school, for the new bills are put forth,"—J. J. Cullinan.

"Why shouldn't every large concern have its own lighting plant? Why sell the commodity too?"—A. M. Cooper.

"They'll want a monopoly on the air next."—Gen. H. A. Bishop.

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## THE THEATRES

The dramatization of a widely read novel always commands public interest to an unusual degree, and the presentation of "The Virginian" by Owen Wister and the late Kirke La Shelle, this evening, is sure to draw a crowded house. In the development of the theme, Mr. Wister has produced a play which deserves to be called the ideal Western comedy drama of America. "The Virginian" shows exactly and is exactly what a comedy drama should be. The comic incidents and the dry humor of the cowboys are all in gay dialogue, and there is nothing of the highly emotional or burlesque in the love scenes or heavy business. A very strong feature of the play is the quiet, winning and strong character of the Virginian. It is a familiar figure to all who know the West. All the other characters are well drawn and are sure to please. The Kirke La Shelle Company has no response to give the theatre-going public a first class production with a company of well known New York players, among whom are, Y. S. Hat, who has achieved many New York successes and whose recent good work in "The Squaw Man" received the endorsement of the press and public, and Frank Campeau who will enact his original part of Trampas. Many of the original cast will be seen in the different parts, and under the management of the Kirke La Shelle Company we are sure to spend a pleasant evening with "The Virginian."

Next week will undoubtedly prove one of the biggest weeks in the history of the theatre, for it is the week of the twelfth annual production, "The Show Girl," which will be on display all the week long, afternoons and evenings. Robert M. Sperry has made of his "Show Girl" a most pleasing musical comedy, a satire upon things in general, with localisms sufficient, in quantity and quality, to keep the city laughing itself some weeks to come. This will be the biggest thing Mr. Sperry has ever essayed, and his success will be apparent from the start. The audience is assured, numerous theatre parties having engaged seats in bunches of from 12 to 25 each. The cast of this year's strongest Mr. Sperry has ever shown us, and is further improved by the addition of Miss Margaret McKinney, a Broadway favorite, who has certainly achieved a decided success in musical comedy, so much so that her services are always in demand during the season by the big companies. She is a beautiful woman, with a voice which is far above the average. The scenic and electrical features of "The Show Girl" will be surprising, and the coming week will be full of delight for the theatre patrons of this city. Superb and costly costumes have been provided, and garbed in these the girls were least of all, in the hands of a beautiful sight. Get your seats at once; don't wait until all the best seats are gone, as they surely will be.

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The attractive Himalaya Cloth is appreciated by women who are in search of inexpensive coat suits this summer. It is one of the mercerized cottons and has a decidedly silky appearance. There are coarse uneven threads in the weave which add greatly to its style and make it not unlike Rajah. It is a firm durable fabric especially suitable for coat suits and one may choose from a long list of the fashionable neutral shades.

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## PARALYZING STRIKE SEEMS IMMINENT IN FRANCE

Organizers of Postmen's Union Now Under Suspension and With Their Dismissal by the Government Will Come Declaration of General Labor Strike.

(Special From United Press.) Paris, May 8.—The prospects of a paralyzing strike throughout France were heightened to-day by the failure of the seven postmen, who on Thursday organized the postmen's union, to appear before the court of discipline.

The seven employees who were already under suspension, will undoubtedly be followed by the immediate declaration of a strike of postmen, telegraphers and telephone operators. The charges against the postmen for which they were cited to appear before the court of discipline were attacking the government at a public meeting and advocating an anti-patriotic meeting. A government employee who joins the strike will be dismissed from the service and never reinstated, according to M. Barthou, minister of public works. This threat is aimed to intimidate the employees but the strike sentiment is now almost unanimous. Opposition to a strike by all except the extreme Socialistic press has dampened the ardor of some of those who were active in the former strike but newspapers can hardly be expected to have a deterring effect.

Railway locals are now voting on the strike question and the result will undoubtedly be in favor of joining the postmen and telegraphers. The director of the military railway department to-day warned the government that his men were not competent to run the regular trains and that little help could be furnished by his department. Hundreds of merchants are preparing to barricade their shops.

## Another Skyscraper To Replace Belvederes

New York, May 8.—The Hotel Belvedere, following the example of the Everett House, the Florence House, the Clarendon, the Ashland House and the Putnam House, is to be torn down to make way for a tall business building. Klein &amp; Jackson, real estate op-

## SCARLET FEVER SCARE OVER

(Special from United Press.) Dover, N. H., May 8.—After a three weeks siege of scarlet fever which has numbered 200 victims and which has proven fatal at least one case, Dover's High School is to be re-opened Monday morning. Ever since the appearance of the epidemic the High School, public schools and public library have been closed. The public schools and library are to be reopened in another week if the disease should be conquered by that time. Twenty persons are still ill with the contagion and it is feared that some of these cases may prove fatal.

## Weather Indications.

(Special from United Press.) New Haven, May 8.—Forecast: Fair to-night, Sunday fair followed by showers. Showers have occurred during the past 24 hours in the eastern portion of the lake region and along the coast north of Virginia. A trough of low pressure extending northward from Texas is producing cool weather with an occasional shower in the Rocky Mountains and the Mississippi river. Temperatures below freezing were reported from the extreme northwest. Conditions favor for this vicinity fair weather and not much change in temperature followed on Sunday by increasing cloudiness and rising temperature, probably rain by Sunday night.

## HARVARD PLANS NEW PRESIDENT

(Special from United Press.) Boston, May 8.—Abbott Lawrence Lowell, according to arrangements completed to-day, will be inaugurated President of Harvard on October 6 and 7 next. Professor Lowell will, however, be the de facto head of Harvard from the time of President Eliot's resignation. The order of events on the first day will resemble that of commencement day. The inauguration will take place in the morning following as closely as possible the traditional program. The ceremony will be followed by the inaugural address and the conferring of honorary degrees. In the afternoon the governing boards, faculties and invited guests will become the guests of the Harvard Alumni Association proceeding after luncheon to Memorial Hall where informal addresses will be made. The second day will be devoted to the entertainment of the guests of the University.

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